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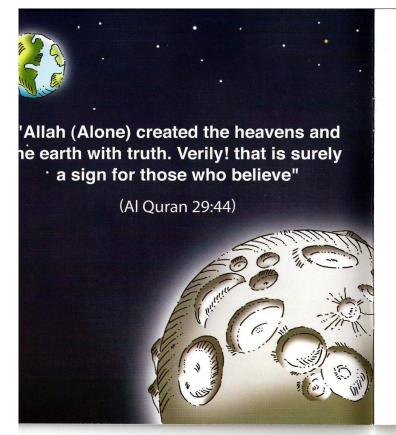
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A basic guide for children in understanding the correct belief about our Lord, Allah.



In the Name of Allah the Most Beneficent and the Most Merciful

Note to Parents

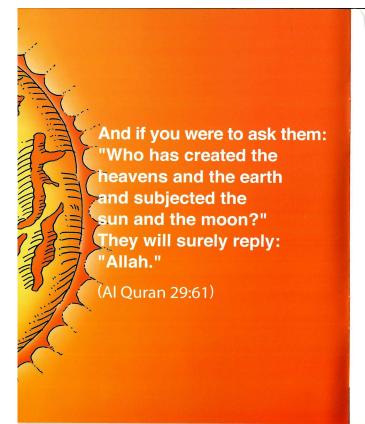
All Praise be to Allah. The intention of this book is to teach the Muslim child a basic understanding of Tawheed. The importance of the correct belief with certainty in the Oneness of Allah is called Tawheed.

If a person's belief is not correct, then his whole faith and all his actions will not benefit him in this life nor in the hereafter.

A great part of the Quran refers to Tawheed. All the Messengers were sent to call people to Tawheed and to correct their misguided belief about Allah.

Once Tawheed is established in a child's heart, all the actions of his heart, tongue and limbs in worshipping Allah will be meaningful rather than just a ritual.

We ask Allah to guide our hearts to the correct understanding of Tawheed and to preserve it.



What is Tawheed?

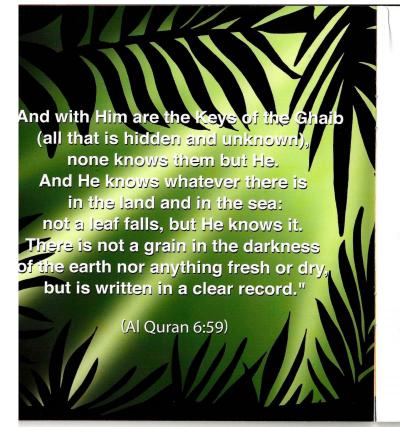
Tawheed means to single out Allah as the One and Only True God in our belief and in our worship. There are three important steps in understanding and practising Tawheed.

Tawheed AR Ruboobiyah

To believe that Allah (Alone) is the only Lord (Rabb) and Master of all that is in the heavens and the earth. He has no partners with Him. He is the only Creator, Owner, Provider and Sustainer of all His creations in this life and in the hereafter.

It is Allah, who created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six days. Then He rose over (Istawa) His throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). You mankind have none, besides Him, as a Wali (protector or helper) or an intercessor. Will you not then remember (or receive admonition)?

(Al Quran 32:4)



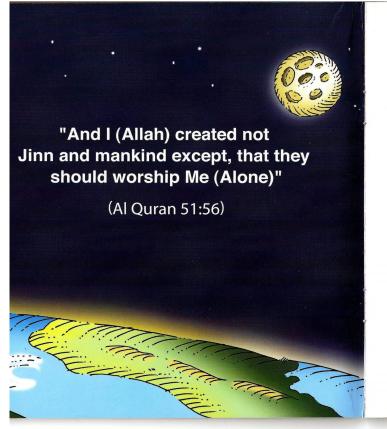
He, Allah has planned everything around us and He gives us peace, security and success in this life and in the hereafter.

Allah is with us by His knowledge. He hears and sees us even though we do not see Him. He knows everything that is happening around Him to all His creation.

Verily, those who fear their Lord, unseen (ie. they do not see Him nor His punishment in the hereafter), theirs will be forgiveness and a great reward (i.e.Paradise). (Surah 67:12)

It is Allah who gives us life and after we die, He will bring us all back to life. The One who, when He wills a thing to be, merely says,

"Be! And it is" (Al Quran 36:82)



Tawheed Al-Uloohiyah

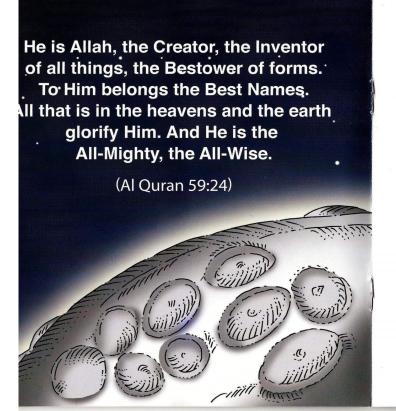
To believe that none has the right to be worshipped, except Allah (Alone). All our acts of worship must be only for Allah.

And your Ilaah (God) is one Ilaah (Allah)
Laa ilaha illa Huwa (there is none who has the right to be
worshipped but He), the Most Gracious and the Most
Merciful.
(Al Quran 2:163)

Allah is the self sufficient Master. He does not need us, but we all need Him. All our prayers, charity, fasting, sacrifices, Hajj and other acts of worship should be for Allah (Alone). Whoever does not worship Allah (Alone) and joins partners with Him, then he has committed the worst major sin (Shirk).

Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associate others with Allah has certainly gone far astray.

(Al Quran 4:116)



Tawheed Al-Asmaa wa As-Sifaat

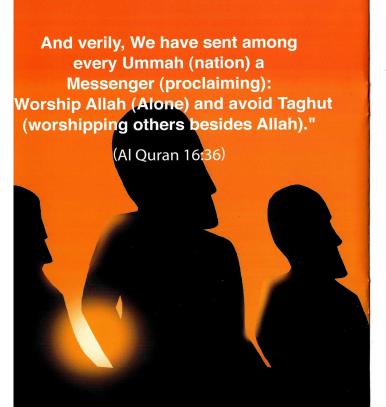
The third step of Tawheed is to believe in all the beautiful names and attributes of Allah, as mentioned in the Quran and as described to us by His Messenger, Muhammad . Allah's names and attributes are not comparable to those of His creation.

There is nothing like Him, He is the All-Hearer and the All-Seer.
(Al Quran 42:11)

For example, the attributes of hearing and seeing are attributes that we mankind have, but they are limited.

Yet, Allah's hearing and seeing are perfect. Therefore, He hears and sees everything that is in the heavens and the earth. The more one knows about Allah and His attributes, the more one will love Allah, fear Allah and have hope in Allah.

Do you know of any who is similar to Him? (Al Quran 19:65)



The Story of Ibrahim and the Idols

This is the story of Ibrahim www whose father used to make Idols out of wood.

However, Ibrahim was different because he believed in Allah the one and only true God. Allah guided him on the straight path when he was very young man.

He used to ask his father why they worshipped idols and if the idols could benefit them in any way. His father replied, "We found our grandfathers worshipping them."

Then Ibrahim said,"Certainly you and your fathers were clearly led astray."

They replied,"Are you telling us the truth or are you one of those who play around?"

He said,"Your Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth, the One who created you."

One day the idol worshippers invited Ibrahim to join them in their celebrations. Ibrahim politely refused and stayed back.

Yet they have taken besides Him other alihah (Gods) who created nothing, out are themselves created and possess neither harm nor benefit for themselves nd possess no power (of causing) death, or (of giving) life, nor of raising the dead.

(Al Quran 25:3)

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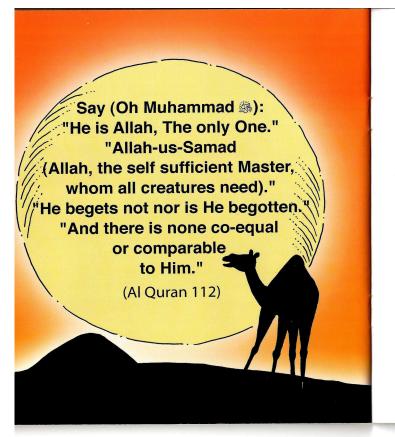
When all his people had left for the celebration, he went to the idols and broke them to pieces with an axe except the biggest one. He then hung the axe on its neck.

When the people returned from their celebration, they found all their idols destroyed except the big one They immediately suspected Ibrahim (**). They asked, "Did you do this to our gods, Ibrahim (**)"

Ibrahim see replied, "It was the biggest one of them that did it, so ask him about it, They were now confused and angry as they knew that the idol could not talk nor could it defend itself.

Ibrahim said, "Why do you worship idols instead of Allah? Shame on you! The idols could neither benefit you nor harm you." They said,"Let's burn him and avenge our gods."

Allah, the Most Merciful, protected Ibrahim by ordering the fire to be cool and peaceful. Thus Ibrahim was saved from the fire. Verily, in this indeed are signs for those who believe in Allah Alone.

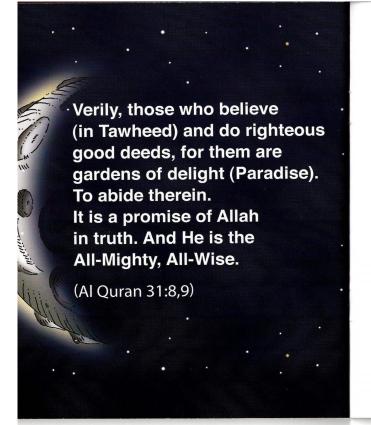


Surah Al-Ikhlas (Sincerity) or At-Tawheed

The title of this Surah, Ikhlas, means sincerity. Sincerity in our belief can only be in our hearts when we have a correct understanding of Allah, Al-Khaliq (The Creator). The Prophet describes this Surah as being equal to one-third of the Quran. This Surah reminds us of the importance of our belief in the Oneness of Allah and that there is none equal to Him or like Him.

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْلِنِ الرَّحِيْمِ قُلُ هُوَ اللهُ أَحَلُّ أَللهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿ لَمْ يَكِنُ لَهُ وَلَمْ يُولُنُ ﴿ وَلَمْ يَكُنُ لَكُ كُفُواً اَحَدُ ﴿

Qul-huwallahu Ahad, Allah-us-Samad Lam ya-lid Walam yu-lad Walam ya Kullahu, Kufu wan' Ahad (Al Quran 112)



What is the benefit of Tawheed?

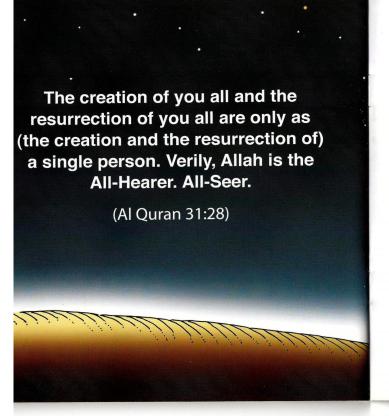
Tawheed teaches us everything about our Lord Allah and the purpose of our life on this earth. It teaches us to worship Allah (Alone) without joining partners with Him.

We all need to know Allah, the All-Mighty by His beautiful Names and Attributes. Those who have a firm understanding of Tawheed in their hearts and obey Allah, by following the Quran (the book of Allah) and His Messenger Muhammad , will be rewarded with Paradise and be saved from the punishment in the Hell fire.

Narrated Muad ibn Jabal 😂 : The Prophet 👺 said: "O Muad! Do you know what Allah's rights upon His slaves are?"

I said," Allah and His Messenger know best."
The Prophet \$\mathstyle{\mathstyle{B}}\$ said," To worship Allah (Alone) and not join partners with Him (Allah)."

"Do you know what your rights upon Him (Allah) are?" I replied, "Allah and His Messenger know best." The Prophet said, "Not to punish His slaves if they worship Him (Allah Alone)." (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol.9, Hadith No.470).



Glossary

Allah - The Only true God that deserves to be worshipped.

As-Samad - The Self-Sufficient Master, whom all creatures need.

Al-Ruboobiyah - To believe that there is only One Lord (Rabb) for all of the Universe.

Al-Uloohiyah - To believe that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah (Alone).

Al-Asmaa wa As-Sifaat - To believe in all the beautiful names and attributes of Allah.

Al Quran - The speech of Allah, the final message to all of mankind.

Ghaib - All that is hidden and unknown

Hajj - Pilgrimage to the house of Allah (Ka'bah) in Mecca.

Iman - Faith, Belief

Islam - To submit to the will of Allah.

Jinn - A creation of Allah, made from smokeless fire.

Muslim - One who submits to Allah.

Shirk - To join partners with Allah.

Taghut - All false Gods.